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Abstract

The present invention provides an electronic bulletin board. Communication between people having an appointment to meet (i.e., message sender and receiver) is possible by using a common electronic bulletin board placed at the meeting place, requiring no knowledge of the e-mail address of the other party. The present invention has a plurality of electronic bulletin boards and a central server which, upon receiving a request from a mobile information terminal to access any one of the plurality of electronic bulletin boards, sends access information to said mobile information terminal. The electronic bulletin board receives a message, converts it to an icon message, and displays the icon on a display portion. The central server receives, together with said access request, identification information for specifying the radio base station site used for communication by said mobile information terminal, retrieves a database based on said identification information and extracts the most preferred electronic bulletin board among said plurality of electronic bulletin boards, and transmits information on access to this electronic bulletin board to said mobile information terminal. The mobile information terminal access the electronic bulletin board based on this access information.